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FOR THE YEAR

1955.

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INCLUDING THE REPORT

OF THE

SANITARY INSPECTOR

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SECTION 'A'

STATISTICS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

TABLE I

District	Estimated Mid-Year Population	Area in Acres	No. of Inhabited Houses	Rateable Value	Product of Penny Rate		
				£	£.	s.	d.
Helmsley Rural	5,400	67,750	1,422	23,176	90.	11.	3
Kirbymoorside Rural	4,850	51,000	1,507	18,869	71.	12.	8
Malton Rural	5,580	47,078	1,823	20,342	80.	0.	0
Malton Urban	4,130	4,016	1,315	31,182	123.	15.	7
Pickering Rural	5,120	76,685	1,747	19,406	74.	10.	5
Pickering Urban	4,170	15,652	1,422	22,852	90.	0.	0
All Districts	29,250	262,181	9,236	135,827	530.	9.	11

VITAL STATISTICS

TABLE II - LIVE BIRTHS MALE AND FEMALE

District	Male	<u>Live Births</u>	
		Female	Male and Female
Helmsley Rural	30	30	60
Kirbymoorside Rural	29	27	56
Malton Rural	28	35	63
Malton Urban	29	32	61
Pickering Rural	35	32	67
Pickering Urban	36	29	65
All Districts	187	185	372

TABLE III - STILL BIRTHS MALE AND FEMALE

District	Male	<u>Still Births</u>	
		Female	Male and Female
Helmsley Rural	-	1	1
Kirbymoorside Rural	2	-	2
Malton Rural	-	-	-
Malton Urban	1	-	1
Pickering Rural	1	-	1
Pickering Urban	1	-	1
All Districts	5	1	6

TABLE IV - ALL BIRTHS LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE, MALE AND FEMALE

District	<u>Legitimate</u>			<u>Illegitimate</u>			<u>Total</u>
	Male	Female	Male and Female	Male	Female	Male and Female	Male and Female
Helmsley Rural	30	30	60	-	1	1	61
Kirbymoorside Rural	31	26	57	-	1	1	58
Malton Rural	27	32	59	1	3	4	63
Malton Urban	29	32	61	1	-	1	62
Pickering Rural	32	30	62	4	2	6	68
Pickering Urban	36	25	61	1	4	5	66
All Districts	185	175	360	7	11	18	378

TABLE V

Crude Live Birth Rate (i.e. live births per 1,000 estimated population), and Still Birth Rate (i.e. still births per 1,000 total live and still births), and Illegitimate Rate (i.e. percentage of illegitimate births of total births).

District	Crude Live Birth Rate	Still Birth Rate	Illegitimate Rate
Helmsley Rural	11.1	16.4	1.6%
Kirbymoorside Rural	11.5	34.5	1.7%
Malton Rural	11.3	Nil	6.3%
Malton Urban	14.8	16.1	1.6%
Pickering Rural	13.1	14.7	8.8%
Pickering Urban	15.6	15.2	7.6%
All Districts	12.7	15.9	4.7%

TABLE VI

Deaths of infants under 1 year and under 1 month by sexes.

District	Number of Deaths						All infant Deaths Male and Female
	Under 1 Year			Under 1 Month			
	Male	Female	Male and Female	Male	Female	Male and Female	
Helmsley Rural	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	1	1	2	1	1	2	2
Malton Urban	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
Pickering Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Districts	1	3	4	1	3	4	4

TABLE VII

Maternal Deaths (i.e. deaths attributable to pregnancy, childbirth and abortion, and Maternal Mortality Rate (i.e. Number of deaths per 1,000 live and still births).

District	Number of Deaths	Maternal Mortality Rate
Helmsley Rural	-	Nil
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	Nil
Malton Rural	2	31.6
Malton Urban	-	Nil
Pickering Rural	-	Nil
Pickering Urban	1	15.2
All Districts	3	7.9

DEATHS
TABLE VIII . CAUSES OF DEATH BY DISTRICTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955

Cause of Death	Helmsley Rural.			Kilbymoorside Rural.			Malton Rural			Malton Urban			Pickering Rural			Pickering Urban			All Districts		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
	28	17	45	20	32	52	37	25	62	22	31	53	31	26	57	29	33	62	167	164	331
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	3	1	4
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	3	1	-	1	-	1	1	3	1	4	8	1	10
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	3	2	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	6	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	4	1	5	2	2	4	2	3	2	1	5	-	4	2	-	3	1	4	16	14	30
Diabetes	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	6	4	10	6	10	16	6	5	11	4	3	7	3	5	8	2	11	13	27	38	65
Coronary disease, angina	5	3	8	2	3	5	8	1	9	1	5	6	6	8	14	8	6	14	30	26	56
Hypertension with heart disease	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	1	4
Other heart disease	5	5	10	3	12	15	6	7	13	6	13	3	4	4	8	1	6	7	25	41	66
Other circulatory disease	-	-	-	2	3	5	1	-	1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	1	2	6	8	14
Influenza	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	1	3	2	3	5
Pneumonia	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	1	1	1	2	2	8
Bronchitis	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	3	2
Other diseases or respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1	2	-	2	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	11	9	20
Other diseases	2	1	3	1	-	1	3	3	6	1	5	6	3	-	3	1	-	1	3	3	3
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	3	-	-	1	3	4	7
All other accidents	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	6	1	-
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Causes	28	17	45	20	32	52	37	25	62	22	31	53	31	26	57	29	33	62	167	164	331

TOTAL

TABLE IX

Infant Mortality (i.e. number of deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births), Neonatal Mortality (i.e. number of deaths under 1 month per 1,000 live births), Maternal Mortality (i.e. number of maternal deaths per 1,000 total births) and Crude Death Rate (i.e. number of deaths per 1,000 of estimated population).

District	Infant Mortality	Rates		Death Rate
		Neonatal Mortality	Maternal Mortality	
Helmsley Rural	16.7	16.7	Nil	8.3
Kirbymoorside Rural	Nil	Nil	Nil	10.7
Malton Rural	31.7	31.7	31.6	11.1
Malton Urban	16.4	16.4	Nil	12.8
Pickering Rural	Nil	Nil	Nil	11.1
Pickering Urban	Nil	Nil	15.2	14.9
All Districts	10.8	10.8	7.9	11.3

TABLE X - COMPARISON OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

The Crude Birth and Death Rates of any district are not directly comparable with those of any other district or those of England and Wales. To make approximate allowance for the way in which sex and age distribution differs from that of England and Wales as a whole the crude rates are multiplied by a comparability factor. The resultant figures can then be compared with those of any other district and England and Wales.

District	Crude Death Rate	Death Rate		Crude Birth Rate	Birth Rate	
		Comparability Factor	Adjusted Death Rate		Compar- ability Factor	Adjusted Birth Rate
Helmsley Rural	8.3	1.01	8.4	11.1	1.35	12.8
Kirbymoorside Rural	10.7	0.83	8.9	11.5	1.15	13.2
Malton Rural	11.1	0.89	9.9	11.3	1.15	13.0
Malton Urban	12.8	0.90	11.5	14.8	1.10	16.3
Pickering Rural	11.1	0.77	8.5	13.1	1.21	15.9
Pickering Urban	14.9	0.85	12.7	15.6	1.15	17.9
All Districts	11.3		9.9	12.7		14.0
England and Wales	11.7		11.7	15.0		15.0

TABLE XI - PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATHS

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths by Districts						
	Helmsley	Kirbymoorside	Malton	Malton	Pickering	Pickering	All
	Rural	Rural	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Districts
Diseases of circulatory system	30	41	34	29	33	38	205
Diseases of respiratory system (ex. T.B.)	1	2	2	1	6	5	17
Diseases of digestive system (ex. cancer)	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	1	2
Malignant Diseases	7	4	10	10	8	10	49
Tuberculosis	Nil	1	Nil	1	Nil	2	4
Motor vehicle accidents	Nil	Nil	1	1	Nil	1	3
Other accidents	1	Nil	1	1	3	Nil	6
All other diseases	6	4	14	9	7	5	45
All diseases	45	52	62	53	57	62	331

TABLE XII - PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS

Cause of Death	Percentage of total Deaths by Districts						
	Helmsley	Kirbymoorside	Malton	Malton	Pickering	Pickering	All
	Rural	Rural	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Districts
Diseases of circulatory system	66.7%	78.8%	54.8%	54.7%	57.9%	61.3%	62.1%
Diseases of respiratory system	2.2%	3.8%	3.2%	1.9%	10.5%	8.0%	5.1%
Diseases of digestive system	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.9%	Nil	1.6%	0.6%
Malignant Diseases	15.6%	7.7%	16.1%	19.0%	14.0%	16.1%	14.8%
Tuberculosis	Nil	1.9%	Nil	1.9%	Nil	3.2%	1.2%
Motor vehicle accidents	Nil	Nil	1.6%	1.9%	Nil	1.6%	0.9%
All other accidents	2.2%	Nil	1.6%	1.9%	5.3%	Nil	1.8%
Other diseases	13.3%	7.7%	22.6%	17.0%	12.5%	9.0%	13.6%

SECTION 'B'

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

TABLE I - NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1955

District	Cases Notified									
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Primary Pneumonia	Polio-myelitis	Dysentery	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Typhoid Fever	Encephalitis
Helmsley Rural	1	-	86	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	18	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	-	3	25	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Malton Urban	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Rural	-	10	37	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Pickering Urban	-	9	13	-	1	-	-	-	25	-
All Districts	1	40	306	2	2	1	1	1	26	1

Where necessary patients suffering from infectious diseases are admitted to Cross Lane Hospital, Scarborough, and Yearsley Bridge Hospital, York.

TUBERCULOSIS

TABLE II - NEW CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1955

District	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Helmsley Rural	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malton Rural	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Urban	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pickering Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Urban	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
All Districts	1	3	-	1	3	1	-	-

SECTION 'C'

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

(i) Laboratory Facilities

Samples for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton. A van calls once a week to collect specimens.

(ii) Local Services under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946

The day-to-day administration of the following services is carried out by the Ryedale Local Health Sub-Committee in the urban districts of Malton and Pickering, and the rural districts of Helmsley, Kirbymoorside, Malton and Pickering.

(a) Care of mothers and young children

Child welfare and ante-natal clinics are held at centres in the Ryedale area.

In places where no clinic is held ante-natal and child welfare services are carried out by health visitors in the home.

(b) Midwifery, Health Visiting and Home Nursing

Combined duty nurses serving 16 districts are resident in the area.

(c) Ambulance Service

Ambulance stations at Malton and Kirbymoorside provide this service.

(d) Immunisation and Vaccination

Provision is made for primary vaccination against diphtheria at child welfare centres but the greater part of this service is carried out by general practitioners in their surgeries and in the home.

(e) Domestic Help Service

This service provides domestic help, at a charge dependent on the income of the household, in homes where there has been a confinement or ill-health of the mother, and to the aged and infirm.

(iii) National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47.

One female was removed to hospital under the provisions of this Act.

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Sanitary Circumstances.

Water Supply.

Analysis of Water Samples.

<u>Public Supply.</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
	Swinton.	1	
	Broughton.	1	
	Slingsby.	5	
	Whitwell.	3	1
	Welburn.	3.	
	Barton-le-Street.	2	
	Terrington.	2	
	Thornton-le-Clay	1	
	Hovingham.	1	
	Barton-le-Willows.	1	
	Bulmer.	1	
	Totals.	<u>21</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Private Supplies.</u>	Coneysthorpe.	19	24
	Ryton.	1	
	Totals.	<u>20</u>	<u>24</u>

Following a bad sample from the supply to two cottages at Kirkham Abbey Station, a new length of main was laid and this supply is now satisfactory. At Coneysthorpe the private supply serving the village was put under strict supervision and the results of sampling over the year indicated without doubt that the supply was contaminated and potentially dangerous, having on a number of occasions shown a faecal content. Arrangements for a public supply to be afforded to this village are expected to be completed early in the new year.

Details of water supplies in the area are as follows:-

Houses connected to publicly owned water supply:-

- (a) Number with water laid on to house - 1408
- (b) Number served by standpipe - 355.
- (c) Number supplied by private springs,
wells etc. 60.

Refuse Disposal.

The new refuse collection service put into operation at the beginning of 1954 is now beginning to take effect and substantial quantities of ashes are being collected. The absence of suitable dustbins is becoming more apparent with the collection of this different type of refuse and the problem is rapidly becoming one requiring serious consideration.

Apart from Council houses the provision of a dustbin is rare and refuse is deposited in containers which by reason of their size and type are difficult to handle, either soiling the pavement or causing undue strain on the workmen.

Sewage Disposal

During the year the Brawby Works came into operation. The Works treat sewage and storm water, and in this respect are different from your other Works and it remains to be seen how effectively it can operate.

The two Sewage Works at Welburn and Swinton have continued to efficiently purify sewage and no unsatisfactory samples have been received during the year from the Yorkshire Ouse River Board.

Food.

All shops and food preparing premises were inspected during the year.
No outbreak of food poisoning has occurred.

Synopsis of Inspections Made.

Dwelling Houses:-

Consolidated Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Improvement Grants (Section 20)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	275

Sanitary Conveniences:-

Ashpits and Privies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Chemical Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Refuse Disposal:-

Tips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Refuse Collections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58

Drains and Sewers:-

Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	512
Cesspools and Septic Tanks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160
Water Tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91
Public Urinals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Factories:-

With mechanical power...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Food:-

Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Condemnations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27

Food Storage (Preparation etc):-

Butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Fish friers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Sampling:-

Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

Miscellaneous:-

New buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	412
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gutters and water courses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Petroleum licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Nuisances...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91
Verminous house...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Works in progress	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	221
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ice Cream...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Total..... 2342.

It will be seen from the synopsis of inspections that the accent is again upon new works, improvement grant inspections and food inspections.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Minor disinfection works have been carried out during the year.

Shops Act, 1934.

Six inspections were made. No contraventions were found.

Camping Sites.

There are no licensed camping sites in the district.

Offensive Trades.

There are no trades under this heading.

Slaughterhouses.

There are three licensed slaughterhouses in the district all of which are used for public slaughtering. All slaughterhouses are maintained in a clean condition and the quality of meat slaughtered has been high. There are 6 licensed slaughtermen under the above Act.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Action has been taken under this heading in respect of one house during the year.

Schools.

No further improvement has been made to the sanitation of schools in the district, but it is hoped that the Brawby School will be connected in the early part of 1956.

The school canteens which has been regularly inspected have proved to be well run and kept in a clean condition.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

100% inspection of all carcasses slaughtered has been made, as a result of which 61.2 lbs of meat was condemned as unfit.

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed	154	-	1	228	108
Number inspected	154	-	1	228	108
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis.</u>					
(a) Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	2	1
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	17	-	-	1	3
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	11%	-	-	1.31%	3.7%
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>					
(a) Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	5	-	-	-	-
(c) Percentage of the number inspect- ed affected with tuberculosis.	3.24%	-	-	-	-

No cases of cysticercosis were observed.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Registration of premises under Section 14:

Ice Cream dealers	5
Ice Cream manufacturers	Nil
Meat preparation	Nil
Fish Friers	2

Septic Tanks and Cesspools.

A considerable amount of time has been taken up by the cleansing of septic tanks and cesspools and by the general maintenance of housing estate drainage systems. The service of emptying cesspools by mechanical means has been in use during the year.

Open Ditches.

The condition of the open ditches in the district has been substantially improved during the year and a rota has been put into operation. All ditches are now cleansed at least once annually and a number twice yearly.

Housing.

1. Number of new houses erected during the year:-

by local authority	...	...	...	...	...	10
by private enterprise...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of houses under construction by						
Local Authority						11

The 10 houses erected by the Local Authority were as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Type.</u>
Thornton-le-Clay	4	Traditional
Brawby	6	Traditional

2. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year.

No progress has been made on the Rural Housing Survey during the year.

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	29.
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3. Remedy of Defects During the Year.

Number of defective dwelling-houses repaired or improved....	...	26.
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4. Action under Statutory Powers During the Year.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repair... Nil.
2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
 - (a) by owners ... Nil.
 - (b) by local authority in lieu of owners ... Nil.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ... Nil.
2. Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
 - (a) by owners ... Nil.
 - (b) by local authority in default of owners.. ... Nil.

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

- | | |
|---|------|
| 1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. | Nil. |
| 2. Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. | 2. |

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

- | | |
|---|------|
| 1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | Nil. |
| 2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | Nil. |

5. Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding.

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| A. 1. Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | 1. |
| 2. Number of families dwelling therein. | 3. |
| 3. Number of persons dwelling therein.. | 9. |
| B. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. | Nil. |
| C. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. | Nil. |
| D. Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. | Nil. |
| E. Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report | Nil. |

6. Housing Act, 1949.

Twenty-four applications for improvement grants were received during the year, all of which were approved.

The policy of the Council in fully implementing this Act is now resulting in a steady improvement in the amenities afforded to sub-standard properties and doing much to realise the aim of the Act in bringing back older houses into a good state of habitation.

